

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An anchoring screw ~~(1)~~ for anchoring a relay strip ~~(8)~~ made of synthetic material or a suture in a bone tunnel ~~(6)~~, characterized in that it has:
  - a cylindrical proximal part ~~(3)~~ with a length of between 0 and 10 mm, and a conically tapered intermediate part ~~(4)~~, on both of which a blunted screw thread ~~(2)~~ with a long pitch is formed, the intermediate part having a cross section that tapers towards
  - a plain cylindrical distal part ~~(5)~~ with a rounded and blunt end, the diameter of which is at least equal to the diameter of the bone tunnel ~~(6)~~.
2. (Currently Amended) The anchoring screw as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the pitch, between two consecutive threads of the screw thread ~~(2)~~ is equal to approximately 5 mm.
3. (Currently Amended) The anchoring screw as claimed in claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, characterized in that the cylindrical distal part ~~(5)~~ has a length of about 5 mm.
4. (Currently Amended) The anchoring screw as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, characterized in that the proximal face of the screw has a hexagon socket ~~(11)~~.
5. (Currently Amended) The anchoring screw as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, characterized in that the screw thread ~~(2)~~ has a thread depth of between 1 and 3 mm, and preferably of 1.5 mm.

6. (New) The anchoring screw as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the cylindrical distal part has a length of about 5 mm.
7. (New) The anchoring screw as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the proximal face of the screw has a hexagon socket.
8. (New) The anchoring screw as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that the proximal face of the screw has a hexagon socket.
9. (New) The anchoring screw as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the screw thread has a thread depth of between 1 and 3 mm, and preferably of 1.5 mm.
10. (New) The anchoring screw as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that the screw thread has a thread depth of between 1 and 3 mm, and preferably of 1.5 mm.
11. (New) The anchoring screw as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that the screw thread has a thread depth of between 1 and 3 mm, and preferably of 1.5 mm.